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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This paper responds to the non-final Office Action of December 14, 2006, for which a three month shortened statutory period of time for response expired March 14, 2007. Applicants submit herewith a Petition and Fee for a one month extension of time.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the herein presented amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.